

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$84.68 Dec. Bal.	Check #28 Knapp	2.00
27.00 Dues	Check #29 Knapp	4.00
6.00 Key chains		6.00
<u>117.68</u>		
30.88 Checks 28,29,30	Envelopes	.86
\$86.80 Jan. 1973 Bal.	Cut stencils	1.00
	Postage	5.52
	Labels	1.00
	Key chains	2.50
	Stamps	1.92
	Stencils	4.68
	Xeroxing	4.40
	Mailing	3.00
	Check #30	24.88
	Total	<u>30.88</u>

New Members:

Kenneth L. Hallenbeck Jr.
1141 W. Lexington Ave.
Ft. Wayne, Ind. 46807

Robert F. Slawsky
P.O.Box 423
Rockaway, N.J. 07866

Louis L.W. Schafer
P.O.Box 846
Norristown, Pa. 19404

Gerard F. Gedat
81 Fairfield Ave.
Mineola, L.I., N.Y. 11501

Frederick J. Bloh
8169 Lister St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19152

George Woods
2017 E. Pacific St.
Philadelphia, Pa. 19134

John Dietrich
40 N. Union St.
Elgin, Ill. 60120

Isabella Miller
Box 68
Rapid City, Mich. 19676

78 paid members.

BILL CURRAN has an unusual 1912 V Nickel - Love Token. Liberty is smoking a cigar or cigarette (4 puffs of smoke). A high collar neckline has 1913 engraved on it. The reverse has a face outlined in the "V". But this is the first love token I have known to be engraved on the edge - "MABEL FAY YOUNG AND GAY LESLIE BASEY HE IS CRAZY." 1-3

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MARGE HANNAH and her husband are responsible for the "direct photo" copies included with this Love Letter. They are the finest and clearest copies I have seen. After Bob Mitchell left for Addis Ababa I wondered how we would manage copies. Knowing the Hannahs had a printing business I asked Marge for help. She promptly mailed me these copies - and no bill. The Hannahs are also printing our 1974 dues card. Thank you, Marge, for your help and generosity.

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KEN HALLENBECK Jr. one of our newest members was featured in a "Who's Who" write-up in the December 11 issue of the Numismatic News. It was on page 16.

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PICTURES of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Gould and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Hallenbeck Jr. appeared in the November Numismatist.

Sincerely,

Helen Moore

ADS

WANTED - For my collection. Will buy or trade.

1. Quarters - Barber 1892 - 99
2. Half dollars
 - Turban head 1807 - 36
 - Liberty Seated 1839 - 91
 - Barber 1892 - 99
3. Dollars
 - Liberty Seated 1840 - 73
 - Trade 1873 - 85

Write Harold Beecher Jr. 106 South Valley Rd., Paoli, Pa. 19301

FOR SALE - Custom Sixty coin and stamp camera. Takes "C127" color slides or "VP 127" black and white prints, 12 shots per film, 2 x 2 field. All electric, absolutely foolproof with no adjustments necessary. First \$40.00 gets it. Write Paul Carter, 10 Star Ave., Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

February 1974

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$86.80 Jan. Bal.	Check #32 Knapp	2.00
9.00 Key Chains	Check #33 Knapp	2.00
4.00 Donations - (Whitnah \$2.00	Check #35 Knapp	2.00
(Wolf \$2.00		<u>6.00</u>
27.00 Dues	Envelopes	.59
<u>126.80</u>	Xeroxing	.05
21.15 Expenses	Mailing	6.16
\$105.65 Feb. Bal.	Cut stencils	5.00
	Stamps	<u>.96</u>
	Check #36	12.70
	Print checks #34	<u>2.45</u>
		21.15

New Members

James Barlow
21 Fairview Ave.
Phillipsburg, N.J. 08865

Mrs. Jon Harris (Maxine)
1107 Aduana Ave.
Coral Gables, Fla. 33146

Robert Morton
1108 6th Ave.
New York, N.Y. 10036

Mrs. James Nix (Kathy)
657 Glenhill Dr.
Riverside, Calif. 92507

JANUARY 1974 was the beginning of our new fiscal year - which means our \$3.00 dues are payable. We now have the new printed dues cards printed by the Hannahs. ("Multi-Print" to you). Marge is our member from Hampton, Va. A big thank you!

TREASURER'S books were examined January 19, 1974 by William Curran and Margaret Crutchfield. Audit covered May 1972 to December 19, 1973. Balance as of then was \$103.68.

RUTHIE HAMMELL found the story of "Love's Token" in a lot of old newspapers. I wondered at the "tenpence" but found such a denomination was issued by the Bank of Ireland (a token really) in 1805, 1806 and 1813. Enclosed is half the story, the second installment will be with the next Love Letter. This appeared in the Buffalo News March 1884.

FRED BLOH has two favorite tokens: one is an 1945 Mercury Dime with his wife's name "Elva" on it; the other is a large English Penny with "E.F. Hardy Died March 22nd 1789."

STUART MILLER read about the cut-out in Mrs. J.E.M. Wood's quarter, so he sent a drawing of his cut-out - a Liberty seated quarter with a round dime size piece cut-out and then fastened in the center with a silver ring. The cut-out is engraved in old English "M C."

HAROLD BEECHER, our president, sent in some publicity to Coin World, asking that they plug our group in the Valentine issue.

MRS. J. E. M. WOOD bought Paul Carter's camera. I hope she enjoys it as much as I have enjoyed mine. Hers is a better one - electrically operated, mine is battery-operated. Neither is made anymore.

BOB MITCHELL sent his 1974 dues from Addis Ababa where he is currently working on malaria studies. Yes, he is still collecting.

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The "FUN" (Florida United Numismatists) Show, the annual State Show, was held at Clearwater, Fla. January 10, 11, 12, 13. JANE FINNELL'S dog Sue Ming was photographed for the St. Pete Times. A toilet seat with twelve dollar bills in plastic was headlined. BILL CURRAN, CARMEN STOVER, CAROLINE LOWRY, MARGARET CRUTCHFIELD, all were there. Over one hundred dealers were present. I recruited two new members.

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JOE LOWRY wrote me a very nice long letter describing some Love Tokens he found recently. He has a pair of three-cent nickels, looped and connected with a small chain. One is engraved "E.L."; the other "J.R."

Sincerely,

Helen Moore

ADS

FOR SALE: As one lot of fifty-four pieces priced at \$115.00. Includes about twenty foreign, a Columbian Half, as well as two seated Liberty Halves. Will send list to anyone who is interested. Joe Lowry, 1832 N. 77th Ave., Elmwood Park, Ill. 61529

Dear Member:

DUES for 1974 were payable January 1. In December 1973 we had seventy-eight paid members. On February 28, 1974 we had thirty-six paid members. Please send in your \$3.00 so you will be on the revised membership list as of April 1. If you are not in by that time, you will be dropped from the mailing list. Business is business!

Financial Report

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	
\$105.65 Feb. Balance	Check #37 Knapp	2.00
51.00 Dues	Check #38 Knapp	2.00
8.00 Key chain tokens	Check #39 Knapp	2.00
11.00 Donations Lapp 5.)	Feb. Mailing	6.24
Goldman 2.)	Print dues cards	3.00
Martin 4.)	Cut stencils	1.00
<u>\$175.65</u>	Xeroxing	4.20
25.92 Checks 37-38-39-40	Folders	.78
\$149.73 Mar. Balance	Stamps	3.92
	Envelopes	.78
	Check #40	<u>19.92</u>
	Total	25.92

New Member

Walt Brodin
1212 Jaques
Rahway, N.J. 07065

KEN HALLENBECK has sent in a quote from the July 1939 issue of the Numismatic Scrapbook. Someone sent in an item from the Whitehall (Mich.) Forum June 27, 1879.

"The craze for dime necklaces has broken out and promises to be a greater scourge than were the dreadful button-strings of ten years ago. The dime necklace is built by levying a tribute upon one's friends. A young lady concludes to possess one. She asks every soul that she can call a friend to contribute a dime with his or her monogram engraved upon it. After she collects 25 or 30 monogrammed dimes she has a jeweler string them together*** it costs 50 to 75 cents to have each dime polished and engraved."

CYNDI WENDT won a "Best of Show Trophy" in September, the first time she exhibited her Love Tokens. Not bad for our youngest member!

PAUL CARTER'S newest token is a CC half dollar with a ribbon. The obverse is hollowed out and a photo inserted. In other words the coin is a picture frame.

DON KNAPP'S newest acquisition is a quarter on which the reverse has "JL" enameled in blue. AND it was given to him!

LOVE LETTER #23 (cont'd)

March 1974

DR. WARREN LAPP sent a clipping from the February 6 Coin World of another company who has the camera unit that Mrs. J.E.M. Wood bought from Paul Carter. "Broadview Resch. & Mfg. 6221 Monmouth Ave., Goleta, Calif, 93017. Prices start at \$59.95."

ENCLOSED is the remainder of the story "Love Token". As you may recall Ruthie Hammell found this in some old newspaper.

Sincerely,

HELEN MOORE

ADS

WANTED - A local meeting of members of the Love Token Society in S. Eastern Mass. Contact Paul M. Carter at 10 Star A.e., Middleboro, Mass. 02346 or Tel. 947-3968 after 5 please. A talk on Love Tokens will be given, open forum, general gab fest or what is your pleasure? All members and potential members welcome as are dealers who sell Love Tokens within the ranges of 5¢ to \$4.00.

April 1974

Dear Member:

Financial Report

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
\$149.73	Mar. Balance	Check #41 Beecher	15.30
165.00	Dues	(Postage & stationery)	
7.00	Donation (Albright 5.	Check #42 Beecher	12.00
	(Spellman 2.	(refund on dues)	
3.00	Club token	Check #44 Knapp	2.00
324.75		Mar. Mailing	6.24
58.12	Expenses	Envelopes	.78
\$266.61	Apr. Balance	Cut Mar. Stencils	1.00
		Keyrings	5.50
		Postage	2.00
		Large envelopes	2.00
		Stationery	4.30
		Mailings	7.00
		Check #43	28.82
		Total	58.12

ENCLOSED is the 1974 membership list. One hundred ten members have joined since the LTS was started. In 1973 one member resigned, seven did not renew membership. As of April 1, 1974, we have 94 paid members - 19 new. Eight did not renew.

STUART AND ISABELLE MILLER have a gold plated nickel with "1918" on Liberty's jaw - the reverse has "OM" 2 "JK" in the center.

JOE LOWRY has a king-sized pair of cuff links - S.L. Half Dollars 1874 with arrows, both nicely engraved on the reverse with "MG" - the "M" is enamelled in black, the "G" in blue.

Another piece is a dollar size peso Phillipine piece. The obverse has crossed signal flags, and is engraved "F.J.Kelley, U.S.V.S.C., Manilla Iloio 98-99."

MARJORIE BAKER sent in some pictures of her unusual pieces. One is on a Morgan Dollar, "From Harry to Louie". Each of the four words is on a separate scroll - beautifully done. Another one was a quarter engraved, "A GOOD GIRL". Still another was "THEO" on a half dollar. It was one of a six piece bracelet. Another dollar had flowers as the motif with a house in the lower right hand corner.

MAURICE GOULD is a National Chairman of Coin Week. We hope your local club is exhibiting somewhere. Largo Club originally had several cases in one bank, now we have material in two banks. Let's support Maury's efforts.

ADS

WANTED - All scenic love tokens, describe and price. Write Bob Mitchell, HML/USN NAMRU-3 Detachment APO New York, N.Y. 09319.. (Use 10¢ U.S. Stamp)

WANTED - Love tokens on type coins. Describe and price. Harold S. Beecher, Jr., 106 S. Valley Road, Paoli, Pa. 19301

WANTED - Any love token with the initial "M" or "J" or "JON". Describe and price. Write Maxine Harris, 1107 Aduana Ave., Coral Gables, Fla. 33146.

WANTED - Members to attend a REGOINAL Meeting - possibly the second week in April at the home of Mrs. Edward Kaplan, 89 Elder Road, Needham Heights, Mass. 02194. Write Mrs. Kaplan or Paul Carter, 10 Star Ave., Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

#3 MAIL BID AUCTION - Send self addressed stamped envelope for auction list. (Bidders on last auction will automatically be sent the list.) Paul F. White, P.O. Box 181, Fayville, Mass. 01745.

FOR SALE - TOKENS with three initials. Write Ed Valentine, 2105 Meriline Ave., Dayton, O. 45420. Enclose SASE

May 1974

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$266.61 Apr. Bal.	Check #45 Knapp	2.00
4.00 Donations (Valentine 2.	Postage	7.88
(Hamilton 2.	Stencils	3.85
3.00 Club token	Mimeo paper	3.10
39.00 Dues	Xeroxing	6.00
<u>\$312.61</u>	Cut Apr. stencils	3.00
43.43 Expenditures	Mailing	<u>17.60</u>
\$269.18 May Bal.	Check #46	41.43
	Total	<u>43.43</u>

Add to Membership List

New Howard A. Smith
Box 7
Nauvoo, Ill. 62354

Rolla Ross
90 Valley Rd. Apt. 10
Cos Cob, Ct. 06807

New Nona Moore
18014 Merrill
Fontana, Calif. 92335

*John C. Pace
2418 Sussex
Garland, Tex. 75040

New Wm. Hershkowitz
P.O.Box 204
Cedarhurst, N.Y. 11516

*Jane Finnell
P.O.Box 6063
Orlando, Fla. 32803

We have 100 paid members.

* - Charter Member

SEVERAL changes in the Constitution are being considered. One is to delete the part about new members receiving all previous materials. Some of the originals that were xeroxed were returned to members. Some stencils made two years ago have deteriorated. So we will send out to new members whatever is on hand.

Also the question of Life Membership has come up: (1) to confer it for distinguished service to the Society; (2) buy it outright for \$15.00 after one year of membership. We will be sending out voting papers on these items later. But think about them.

JAMES MOSES at the Indiana Antique Fair got a \$3.00 gold Love Token initialed "J" and a Canadian Victorian half dollar with "MINNIE" in block letters surrounded with a floral pattern.

JOE LOWRY has a pair of 3¢ looped nickels connected with a chain. One is engraved "E.L.", the other "J.R." He also has a copper bust dime dated 1833. The reverse has an elaborate border with initials "A.J.L." with a ruby - not a chip - but a real one, implanted above the initials.

Sincerely,

Helen E. Moore

REPORT OF NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING
by Paul Carter

Apr. 21, 1974

Regional meeting, nine in attendance. Members present: Mrs. Jan Macomber, Mrs. Edward Kaplan, Paul White and myself. Mrs. Kaplan was the hostess. Her home is ideally situated. There are seven members within a fifty mile radius of Needham, where her home is situated. The members in this area who were present have decided to hold these meetings at least twice a year. The next one scheduled probably for September.

This first meeting was an informal occasion as it should be. All the members brought their collections along; about 550-600 specimens were displayed with some Oh's!! and Ah's"" as some particular piece that pleased the viewers' fancy appeared. Paul White displayed 51 pieces that are due in his next auction list which all the members will receive a copy of. Here's your chance, members, to place your bids. Paul has an ability to accurately describe his merchandise. Some of the outstanding pieces were - Mrs. Kaplan's flat stock bracelet, bracelet engraved, tokens suspended from links from the center of the band, the tokens are monogrammed on one side and the opposite sides are engraved with scenes. The scenes being each and every one an outstanding piece of artistry. Jan Macomber's Butcher token with a roast beef, link sausage, leg of lamb, plus her anaglyphic large cent with the oil lamp with Tiffany type shade and pebbled field were outstanding. Paul White's \$10.00 gold piece and enameled Elk with B.P.O.E. and monogram brought other exclamations of delight. Paul Carter's multiple jewelry was appreciated. All the ladies were wearing some of their Love Token jewelry, bracelets, bapins, ear rings and pendants.

After the showing of collections and general gab-fest, Paul Carter gave a talk on Love Tokens touching on their history, various types of Love Tokens and their association to the word "love" as it is used in the English language, stressing the method the Greeks used in breaking "love" down into its various depths and this association to engraved coins. Some common misconceptions held generally about Love Tokens. Methods of detecting modern assembly of old Love Tokens into multiple jewelry. After the talk seven brooches were passed around with an invitation to examine for originals versus repaired or new hooks, pins, hinges. The engraving was next examined with some appropriate clues given and discovered by the audience that one engraver had done three of the pieces, another engraver had done two, the other two had been done by separate engravers, also that two of the pieces had originally been double holed - the holes filled with silver solder. After the meeting Mrs. Kaplan served refreshments. The meeting broke up at 11:00. What say you other members? Try a regional meeting of your own, you will find it fun. The membership list is out, who is near you? The Northeast will keep you informed about our next meeting - hope to see you there. Thanks again, Mr. and Mrs. Kaplan!

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$269.18 May Bal.
9.00 Dues
 278.18
33.31 Expenses
 \$244.87 June Bal.

Check #47 Don Knapp	2.00
Check #48 ANA Program	10.00
May Mailing	10.00
Cut May stencils	1.00
Envelopes	1.00
Mimeo paper	2.86
Xeroxing	.25
Postage	<u>6.20</u>
Check #49	21.31
Total Expenses	<u>\$53.31</u>

New members:

George Parola
 8633 24th Ave.
 Brooklyn, N.Y. 11214

Clifford H. Benjamin
 1023 Ridgewood Ave.
 Holly Hill, Fla. 32017

TEN Dollars has been sent to the Chairman of the ANA 1974 Souvenir Program. The Love Token Society should be listed as a Patron in the booklet. Ruthie Hammell, our vice president, has arranged for us to have the "Barbados" room on "Wednesday August 14 at 5 P.M." for our general meeting. This also should be listed in the Souvenir Program. I am planning to show Love Token Slides - new ones if I get some from you members or old ones if I don't. Paul White is the only member who has sent me any slides - one is a "BPOE" on a large cent, another is a bracelet. I know some of you have unusual tokens - some descriptions have been given in some of our Love Letters. One of our goals is a set of slides of multiple pieces and unusual pieces. Paul Carter has been very busy taking black and white pictures for his forthcoming book. But I feel he will also have slides in due time.

CHARLES SCHMIDT was our 100th member to join. Your officers decided to send him a gift of the Club Love Token in a key chain. Don't forget, you new members, this item can be ordered for \$3.00 anytime. The token will have your club number engraved on it.

ROLIA ROSS sent in this clipping from the New York Times, May 12, 1974:

"Although Mother's Day isn't exactly related to numismatics, the members of the token and medal (exonumia) branch of the hobby are never at a loss to find some items that can be related to any occasion. The obvious tie-in for today's occasion would be love tokens. Traditionally a love token is a coin with one side ground flat and inscribed with a tender message or the name of a loved one, or both, or often were one or two sets of initials and elaborate scrollwork. This practice was at a peak of popularity in the latter part of the 19th century. Both U.S. and foreign coins were commonly used. The enlarged photograph shows a love token for someone's favorite "Phyllis" on a sixpence of Queen Victoria. The collector who really keeps his eyes open however will sooner or later come up with an uncommon item that will make him the envy of all his fellow love token collectors."

LOVE LETTER #26 (cont'd)

June 1974

JOE LOWRY has some interesting English love tokens. The copper Georgius II Rex penny dated 1747 is engraved on the other side "T. Taylor Born April 17, 1753."

The other is engraved on both sides. One side reads "Martha Kimmarley Born Novr 9, 1760"; the other side "Thomas Henry Cutler Born June 19 1761." The edge reads "The Love is true that I vow." A really true "Love" Token.

JEAN FREDERICKS sent me pressings of two of her oldest tokens. On a Georgius Rex III Half penny, the reverse is engraved "Elizh Lane Sheppard Born Aug't 26 1760." Another foreign piece, a 1740 Swedish copper, has engraved on the edge between the obverse and reverse "When this you see remember me."

Sincerely,

Helen E. Moore
Secretary-Treas.

July 1974

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$244.87 June Bal.	June Mailing	10.10
3.00 Dues	Cut June Stencils	1.00
\$247.87	Envelopes	1.20
12.55 Expenses	Xeroxing	.25
\$235.32 July Bal.	Check #50 - Total	12.55

103 paid members.

New Member: Thomas R. Gunn, P.O. Drawer E, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33731

THELMA CARTER sent me 66 color slides - duplicate slides of her personal collection. Thank you, Thelma! I expect to use some of these at our ANA meeting in Miami.

RUTHIE HAMMELL sent me judging sheets. When you exhibit material, it is judged on the basis of the items listed. So we are including copies which we hope will be helpful.

ARCHIE TAYLOR sent me some black and white photos of his unusual Love Tokens. One is an engraved dime heart-shaped locket set with a ruby, turquoise, and opal in a triangular pattern. The reverse shows "one dime". Two dimes have elaborately engraved backgrounds with a gold overlay of "G" on one; "T" on the other. Three other dimes show: an old time fire-engine (no border); a rail-road old-time lantern with "FREE" under it; an enamelled old english "H" with enamelled border. Also included were pictures of a hinged snuff box made from a 1821 English crown. These pictures, with his permission, I will forward to Paul Carter.

PAUL WHITE will send out his #4 mail auction in July. All new members and those who bid on #3 auction will automatically receive the listings. New bidders are asked to send SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope). All bidders will receive prices realized. Here is a resume of his #3 auction prices:

Dimes - \$3.50 - \$5.
 1/2 Dimes - 3.50 - 4.00
 Quarters 8.50 for "Sarah";
 \$11.00 for "Annie
 Indianhead \$12.
 Foreign pieces \$3. - \$3.50
 Enamelled - 10¢ - \$6.50 for
 "Leo"

Enamelled - 25¢ - \$9. for "K"
 Scenes, all on S.L. Dimes
 Steam engine \$11.
 Sloop \$9.00
 Surrey \$9.56
 Saddle \$7.00

Sincerely,

Helen E. Moore,
 Secretary

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$235.32 July Bal.
25.19 Expenses
\$210.13 Aug. Bal.

Check #51 - Photocopies	\$8.74
July Mailing	10.30
Cut July Stencils	.50
Envelopes	1.20
Mimeo Paper	3.20
Xeroxing	.25
Labels	1.00
Check #52	16.45
Total Expenses	\$25.19

KENNETH HALLENBECK JR. is a candidate for Vice President in our upcoming election. So this article tells you more about him than I could.

STERLING RACHOOTIN has a very good article on "Military Necessity", - a Civil War Token in that Society's Summer Journal (p. 41-42).

JOE LOWRY boosted my morale with forty colored slides - most of them of multiple pieces. One brooch has two gold dollars with a 2½ gold piece between them. Watch fobs and bracelets are included. One bracelet has all cut-out initials on each piece.

Many thanks, Joe, for your donation! I will use your slides with those donated by Thelma Carter, at the Miami Convention.

ANNUAL Clearwater Coin Show was held July 5, 6, 7. Eighty dealers were in attendance. I was there two days - it's only ten miles from my home. I talked with Caroline Lowrey, Carmen Stover, Jane Finnell, Bill Curran, August Braun and met William Hershkowitz, a new member from New York. Love tokens were scarce - and those that I saw were high. A watch fob for \$140.00 and \$40.00 for a silver dollar.

MAURICE GOULD as chairman of National Coin Week deserves a lot of credit for the best one ever. In the June Numismatist his picture was on Page 1070 and 1073. I hope to meet him in Miami.

Sincerely,

Helen E. Moore
Secretary-Treasurer

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LOVE LETTER #29

Sept. 1974

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$210.13 Aug. Bal.
3.00 Keychain
15.00 Dues
\$228.13
19.17 Expenses
\$208.96 Sept. Bal.

Check #53 Knapp	2.00
Aug. Mailing	10.20
Cut Aug. Stencil	.50
Envelopes	1.44
Name labels	2.03
9 x 12 envelopes	<u>3.00</u>
Check #54	17.17
Total	<u>19.17</u>

New members: (Paid membership is 108)

Mrs. J. W. Bason (Autence)
P.O. Box 21066
Greensboro, N.C. 27420

Mrs. Harold Whiteneck (Rilla)
101 Worthington St.
Springfield, Mass. 01103

W. A. Canary
R. #2, 5425 Sunny Shore Lane
N. River Road
Jamesville, Wis. 53545

A. D'Agostino
865 South Lane Box 213
Jacksonville, Fla. 32205

Ruth A. Lewis
1901 S.E. 4th Ave.
Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33316

ELECTION of officers is coming up. Ruthie Hammell will accept the presidency, if elected. Ken Hallenbeck will accept vice presidency if elected. I will continue as secretary-treasurer if everyone wishes. We need directors - six of them - three to be elected for two years, three for one year. A director should help with conducting the affairs of the Society, hopefully to have regional meetings once or twice a year - such as Paul Carter has been doing with Trosi Kaplan's help.

Is any one willing to do this? Have we any offers? I plan to run an official ballot with the next Love Letter, so please let me know as soon as possible.

WANTED - Love Token with my name, "Jane". Write Jane Finnell, P.O. Box 60630, Orlando, Fla. 32803.

Sincerely,

Helen E. Moore
Secretary-Treasurer

ANA CONVENTION REPORT

August 1974

It is 350 miles from Largo to Miami. I drove over Tuesday morning and returned Saturday. The four nights I stayed right at the Americana.

Fifty-five persons attended the Love Token Society Meeting on Wednesday August 14. The meeting was held in the Barbados Room of the Americana Hotel where the convention was held.

Vice President Ruthie Hammell called the meeting to order with her whistle promptly at 4 P.M. After a few remarks from Ruthie, Ken Hallenbeck exhibited and explained his engraver's vise and tools. Ken brought it especially - because of requests he had received. It weighs at least thirty pounds. He is a serious collector. Thank you Ken!

Ruthie in her inimitable manner discussed briefly funeral tokens, Christmas tokens, those with special awards, i.e. for "writing", winning a race, etc. She repeated that we do not know by name the persons who did the engraving.

The audience was urged to see the Exhibits. Ruthie Hammell had four cases. Thelma Carter three cases and Betty Wolf one case. Thelma's included a heart shaped mirror showing that some tokens were engraved on both sides. Betty's had plump little red pillows, displaying chains with various tokens, bracelets, etc. Some unusual engravings included a roller skate, crowns and "Happy New Year." Ruthie had a necklace, the first I have ever seen, made with fifteen dimes and a pendant quarter, all on a silver chain - fabulous! Another outstanding item was a set - a pin, earrings and shirt waist studs, engraved and enamelled. Love Token Exhibits were in category 13, none received awards.

The final part of the meeting was the showing of colored slides of multiple pieces - earrings, watch fobs, bracelets, vest chains, brooches, etc. These slides were sent in by Thelma Carter, and Joe Lowry, with one or two from Paul White and myself. We had a chance to see the different fastenings of bracelets and why some tokens have five holes and other have four loops, etc.

In the audience were the Love Token Society members - nine in addition to Ruthie, Ken and myself: Marjorie Baker, Jane Finnell, Sam Bettis, Louise Campbell, Thelma Carter, Rich Hartzog, Janice Martin, Jim Moses, Paul Whitnah, Maxine Harris' husband substituted for her, Pat Hammond's husband for her. In the hotel I saw other members, Maurice Gould, Gail Levine, Lorraine McAfee, Betty Wolf.

In 1965ⁱⁿ when the ANA Convention wasⁱⁿ the same hotel I was there. Because of my allergies, I am not able to attend any August Convention in the North. So it was with a great deal of pleasure that I met members with whom I have had correspondence. Ruthie and I met for the first time and enjoyed each other's company.

There were 170 dealers at bourse tables.

ARTICLE ON LOVE TOKEN RESEARCH

By Paul Carter (all rights reserved)

Sept. 1974

This may not be of much interest to the majority of L.T. Collectors. However possibly some have an interest other than amassing L.T.'s. Perusing some of my research came up with this. Incidentally general trend seems to continue.

Using the basic figure 1500 (actual count 1607)

1. 1000 L.T. on dimes (actual count 1069)
2. Most common date on dimes 1875 with 187 pcs.
3. Starting with earliest date 1823 to 1909 following dates not seen - 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 44, 46, 47, 48, 59, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 79, 91 - so 22 dates not seen in 86 yr time period. After checking mintage see why - most were low mintage years.
4. Other common dates on dimes 1885, 94 pcs; 1883 - 85 pcs. Commonest late date 1893 - 29 pcs.
5. Only 41 L.T.'s on dimes engraved on obverse side.
6. 96 dimes engraved on both sides.
7. 135 dimes probable Civil War period.
8. 500 L.T.'s on coins of other denomination (actual count 538).
9. Only 1 - $\frac{1}{2}$ cent.
10. Commonest $\frac{1}{2}$ dimes 1853 - 39 pcs; - 1854 - 23 pcs.
11. " 25 cent pc - 1877 - 38 pcs; 1853 - 22 pcs; earliest 1805.
12. Commonest 50 cent pc - 1877 - 28 pcs - earliest 1801.
13. 1.00 gold 43 pcs none with date majority Type III
14. 3.00 " 5 pcs - might seem surprising but 3.00 was a lot less than 5.00 to spend at that time.

Prices for dime love tokens started at \$5.00. Pat Hammond's husband bought her a \$3.00 gold piece. Thelma Carter got a beautifully engraved \$10.00 gold piece (both of these were in the three figure range). Dime bracelets ran to \$125.00, a dime watch for \$40.00.

As a result of our meeting, we gained three new members. Thanks to Ruthie Hammell's articles in both Coin World and the Numismatic News, we have had numerous inquiries. So we probably will be adding to our membership.

All in all it was a nice meeting. My thanks to Thelma Carter, Joe Lowry and Paul White. Others have promised to send slides of multiple pieces.

Special thanks to Ruthie and Ken who added so much to the program. Ruthie made all arrangements for which we are most grateful.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen E. Moore, Secretary

October 1974

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12.00	Dues	Check #56 Photocopies	6.76
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37.81	Expenses	Cut Sept. Stencils	2.50
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Initials & date	65.00	Great Britain, Norway, Brazil,	
Quarters	\$5. to \$10	Panama	\$3. to \$6.

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 15.00 Dues
 3.00 Key chain
\$204.15
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\$165.65 Nov. Bal.

Check #58 (photocopies)	10.14
Check #59 Knapp	2.00
Key ring	.50
Mimeo paper	3.43
Oct. mailing	11.00
Postage	7.90
Cut Oct. stencils	1.00
Mail large envelopes	1.28
Business envelopes	1.25
Check #60	26.36
Total	<u>\$38.50</u>

New Members

Milton Levy
 664 Zola St.
 Woodmere, L.I.
 New York 11598

Elizabeth M. Schrader (Mrs. Clarence)
 Drawer 1210
 Roswell, N.M. 88201

Jack Kircher
 P.O.Box 405
 Terrace Park, Ohio 45174

Membership paid - 115

Change of Address

Lorraine McAfee
 P.O.Box 1256
 Winter Park, Fla. 32789

Address Correction

W. A. Canary
 Rt. #6 (not #2)
 5425 Sunny Shore Lane
 N. River Road
 Janesville, Wis. 53545

Paul White has set a minimum of \$3.50 for L. T. Dimes because in Coin World the standing offer was \$3.40.

Below are prices realized in auction #4 Sept. 14, 1974

Half dime \$5.	Snailshell on quarter	\$13.50
Dimes \$4 - 6.50	Enamelled quarter	\$11.00
Indianhead cent. \$5.	Postcard with engraving of 1917 of Morro	
	Castle matching stamp	\$30.00

His next auction will be in November. New bidders are asked to send a self addressed stamped envelope for the #5 list.

Robert Morton has consigned an extensive collection of his Love Tokens for the December 1974 auction by Harmer Rooke. Write for catalog to 3 East 57th St., New York, N.Y. 10022

BALLOTS are in and counted. Tellers were Carmen Stover and Mary Leeuw. Results are:

President - Mrs. Morris V. J. Hammell (Ruthie)

Vice President - Kenneth L. Hallenbeck Jr. (Ken)

Secretary-Treasurer - Helen E. Moore

The officers will serve from November 1974 to August 1976.

Directors - For 2 years

Paul Carter

Betty Wolf

Ed Valentine

Directors for 1 year

Joan Henderson

Autence Bason

Joe Lowry

LAST Month included with the September Love Letter were pages 5 and 6. We are grateful to Bob Mitchell for mimeographing our early material. It did a lot to help us get started. However Bob did the work under a handicap without cutting the article - just folding and refolding it. This time when I got the original article I cut and pasted it on paper before having it photocopied. So these two pages were a bonus to replace the old ones. If I can get more original articles, we will upgrade our notebook with better copies. New members are also getting a benefit. The old copies were "long gone."

Sincerely,

Helen E. Moore
Secretary

FOR SALE - Love Token Collection 53 pieces. Rev. John C. Allred, 1401 W. Whittier Blvd., Montebello, Calif. 90640. Send a BASE (self addressed stamped envelope) for a complete list with prices.

FOR SALE - I have a limited number of duplicate wood vises that held coins for engraving, and various engraving burins from my antique engraving tool collection to sell to members only. All are guaranteed from the Love Token engraving period. Authentication and explanation supplied with each order. I can fill the following orders only.

- (1) 5 orders for wood vises at \$6.50 each.
- (2) 8 orders for engraving burins at \$4.50 each.
- (3) 1 order for four engraving bits with 1 handle - \$10.00.
- (4) 2 orders for 1 wood engraving vise and 2 burins - \$14.00 each.
- (5) 4 orders for 1 wood engraving vise and 3 burins - \$17.00 each.

I will mail to the earliest post mark. You remit payment when you receive order. Coin size of vise and burin type my choice. Paul Carter, 10 Star Ave., Middleboro, Mass. 02346.

NORTHEASTERN REGIONAL MEETING REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1974

by Paul Carter.

Six people in attendance. I gave a short talk on symbolism, touching on antiquity, and symbolism in its reference to engraved coins. Showed some of my antique engraving tools and vises, explained their use. As usual the meeting was held at Trosi Kaplan's home, Needham Heights. Trosi and I showed our new acquisitions. She had acquired an example of the English type which pre-empts our U. S. Tokens that I thought was interesting. I showed a couple of new bar pins and some brooches as well as an old push up that I picked up that pleased my fancy. Although it is not a Love Token, I think I will have it made into a ring for myself. At least my conscience will not be violated by altering what I found as it would a Love Token.

Trosi served coffee and snacks. We all admired the Kaplan's marvelous glass collection as well as some beautiful carved black walnut furniture - absolutely magnificent. Thanks again Ed and Trosi for the gracious hospitality. I might add within a maximum one hour drive of the Kaplan home we have six members. This can not be duplicated anywhere in the U.S. as of now. Is it an advantage? Are the members interested in future meetings? If you are, contact either Paul Carter, 10 Star Ave., Middleboro, Mass. or Trosi Kaplan, 89 Elder Rd., Needham Heights, Mass. and let either one of us know your desires. If we do not hear from you, we will take it for granted there is no interest in Northeastern regional meetings. What say you members? Hope it is yes!

December 1974

Dear Member:

Financial Report

\$165.65 Nov. Bal.	Check #61 - Beecher	\$3.20
18.00 Dues	Check #62 ANA	12.00
3.00 Keychain	Check #63 Knapp	2.00
2.00 Donation - Knapp	Postage	4.00
<u>\$188.65 Total</u>	Cut. Nov. Stencil	1.50
39.31 Nov. Expenses	Mimeo Paper	3.10
<u>\$149.34 Dec. Bal.</u>	Nov. Mailing	11.40
	Mail Large Env.	1.36
	Xeroxing	.25
	Keychain	.50
	Check #64	<u>22.11</u>
		<u>\$39.31</u>

1974 Membership total - 115.

GREETINGS for Christmas and the New Year! It's a little early, but by the time the next Love Letter is issued, it will be too late!

DUES for 1975 are now payable, \$3.00 for the year. So far two persons are paid for 1975 and we have five more new members to be listed in the January bulletin.

MILTON LEVY, one of our new members sent us several slides of multiple pieces. One is a lovely family bracelet of nine \$1.00 gold pieces - "Hattie", "Papa", "Mama", and six monogramed pieces. A gold wedding band with a monogramed \$1.00 gold piece and a gold heart locket attached goes with it. I have seen only one other ring type. I think in Miami Thelma Carter's exhibit had a silver ring with a silver love token attached.

PLEASE send in your black and white prints of unusual coins as soon as possible to Coin World so they can be used for the customary Valentine Page in February. I'm talking now to Libby Wood about her cut-out coin; to Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Miller about their cut-out coin; to Marjorie Baker about her "Harold" dollar; to Thelma Carter about her "half" love token, and any and all others who have something special! Don't count on prints being returned (although you can ask) and be sure to give a description of the coin. This is our big chance. Let's make use of it. Send c/o James G. Johnson, Sydney, Ohio 45365.

TROSI KAPLAN acquired three interesting love tokens. "Elma to Tommie" in a shield is on the one side of the gold dollar. The other side has the Lord's Prayer. A three cent piece has "Blanche" on the reverse. On the obverse all lettering was removed and a heart pierced with an arrow was put in the center of the star. The third piece is an 1874 Brazillian coin engraved with the initial "L". Troisi sent me aluminum pressings. Many times I have been thankful for having a converted notary seal for making pressings. Tom Wolf (Betty's husband) converts them for use.

LOVE LETTER #32 (Cont'd)

December 1974

DR. MAYER HYMAN, a new member, described to me two English tokens. "Joseph Willoughby Chimney Sweepe Reigate" (Redgate) is on a George III penny. On a half penny is "M. Chalkley 1740" with a man on horseback on the reverse.

WANTED - Two standing Liberty Quarter Love Tokens. One for my personal collection, the other for a friend. Describe and price. Write Thelma Carter, 1138 Highland Drive, Marietta, Ga. 30062.

NUMISMATIC RESEARCH Dept. T, P.O.Box 1212, D.T.S., Omaha, Nebraska, 68101, has put out their fixed price list. One section has twelve Love Tokens ranging from half dime to quarter. A stick pin, cuff links, and two pins are listed. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$20. This is not an auction - you buy at the price listed with seven day return privilege.

Sincerely,

Helen E. Moore
Secretary